

Amendments to the ClaimsRECEIVED
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. **AUG 04 2008**

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A nutritional bar comprising;
 - a) about 10%wt or more of soy and/or rice protein, about 1%wt or more being in the form of nuggets,
 - b) at least one transition metal or transition metal compound, and
 - c) about 2%wt or more of a humectant selected from the group of diol and triol polyols and sorbitol said nuggets comprising 50-100% of soy and/or rice protein.
2. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 wherein the nutritional bar comprises about 12%wt to about 35%wt of soy and/or rice protein.
3. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 wherein the nutritional bar comprises about 5%wt or more soy and/or rice protein in the form of nuggets.
4. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 wherein the nuggets comprise about 55%wt to about 100%wt of soy and/or rice protein.
5. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 4 wherein the nuggets comprise about 75%wt to about 95%wt of soy and/or rice protein.
6. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 wherein the nuggets further comprise about 5%wt to about 25%wt of a reducing sugar.

7. (previously presented) The nutritional bar according to claim 6 wherein the polyol is selected from the group of triols.
8. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 7 wherein the triol comprises glycerol.
9. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 comprising about 3%wt to about 20%wt of the humectant.
10. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 wherein the humectant comprises about 3%wt to about 10%wt of glycerol.
11. (previously presented) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 wherein the at least one transition metal or transition metal compound is selected from the group of chromium, manganese, iron, cobalt, nickel, copper and zinc and their compounds and mixtures thereof.
12. (previously presented) The nutritional bar according to claim 1 wherein the at least one transition metal or transition metal compound is in a substantially water insoluble form at 20°C .
13. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 12 wherein the at least one transition metal or transition metal compound is substantially encapsulated in an encapsulation material.
14. (previously presented) A nutritional bar comprising:
 - a) about 10%wt or more of soy and/or rice protein,
 - b) at least one transition metal or transition metal compound, and
 - c) about 2%wt or more of humectant selected from the group including diol, triol and sorbitol humectant,

and wherein the nutrition bar has an A_w of 0.45 or less.

15. (previously presented) The nutritional bar according to claim 14 wherein the nutritional bar has an A_w of 0.43 or less.

16. (currently amended) A nutritional bar comprising:

a) about 10%wt or more of soy and/or rice protein,

b) at least one transition metal or transition metal compound, wherein said compound is selected from inorganic oxides, carbonates and phosphates, or the compound is substantially encapsulated in an encapsulation matrix comprising an encapsulation material selected from the group of edible waxes, a carbohydrate selected from alginates and pectins, a mixture of sodium caseinate and gum arabic, a mixture of sodium caseinate and carrageenan, a mixture of sodium caseinate and agar agar, a mixture of beta-lactoglobulin and Gum arabic, a mixture of beta-lactoglobulin and carrageenan, or a mixture of beta-lactoglobulin and agar agar,

wherein the at least one transition metal or transition metal compound is in a substantially water insoluble form at 20°C, and

c) about 2%wt or more of a humectant.

17. (original) The nutritional bar according to claim 16 wherein the at least one transition metal or transition metal compound is substantially encapsulated in an encapsulation material.

18. (currently amended) A nutritional bar comprising:

a) about 10%wt or more of soy and/or rice protein,

b) at least one transition metal or transition metal compound,

c) about 2%wt or more of a humectant selected from the group of diol and triol polyols and sorbitol,

d) ~~the nuggets further comprising about 5% wt. to about 25% wt. of a reducing sugar, and the nutritional bar comprising about 5% wt. or more soy and/or rice protein in the form of nuggets, and~~

e) ~~the nutritional bar comprising about 5% wt. or more soy and/or rice protein in the form of nuggets, the nuggets further comprising about 5% wt. to about 25% wt. of a reducing sugar, said nuggets comprising 50-100% of soy and/or rice protein.~~